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1. ACCORDING PRESS STORY PUBLISHED FEB 11 SWAHILI-LANGUAGE DAILY
UHURU, SOMALI AMBASSADOR TO TANZANIA ABDURAHMAN HUSSEIN MOHAMOUD
TOLD NEWSMEN THAT SOMALIA WAS IN DANGER OF BEING ATTACKED BY
NATO FORCES AT ANY TIME IN NEAR FUTURE. HE SAID THE NATO-SIDED
MOVE BY FRENCH WAS NOT TO BE DISREGARDED AND THAT IF SOMALIA WERE
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ATTACKED, "ALL OF AFRICA WILL HAVE BEEN ATTACKED".

SPECIFICALLY, HE ALLEGED THAT FRANCE HAD RECENTLY READIED 14 WARSHIPS, INCLUDING AIRCRAFT CARRIERS, WHICH WERE IN THE SOMALI SEA AREA FOR PURPOSES OF INVASION. "WE HAVE ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY," HE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, "THAT THESE SHIPS ARE NOT JUST FROM FRANCE BUT ALSO FROM OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES, BUT WE KNOW WHO IT IS WHO IS MAKING PLANS TO INVADE OUR COUNTRY." AMBASSADOR CONCLUDED BY ACCUSING FRANCE OF ASSORTED CRIMES IN TFAI, AND SAID IT VALUED LIVES OF 30 CHILDREN FROM FRANCE WHILE "MAKING PLANS ENDANGERING LIVES OF MILLIONS" OF AFRICANS.

2. COMMENT: REMARKS, WHICH WERE NOT PICKED UP IN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PRESS, SEEM INTENDED IMPLICATE ANY WESTERN SHIPS IN AREA IN ALLEGED FRENCH PREPARATIONS ATTACK SOMALIA. LOCAL PRESS FEB 12 REPORTED WASHINGTON DOD STATEMENT THAT FIVE ADDITIONAL US SHIPS HAD ENTERED INDIAN OCEAN AREA JAN 14. WE PRESUME THAT THESE ARE SHIPS REFERRED TO IN REFTEL.
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